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SUBJ: VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL

1. ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION GAVE A FORMAL RECEPTION BANQUET AT THE WENTWORTH HOTEL IN HONOR OF VISITING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND MRS. WALDHEIM. THE BANQUET WAS OF A ROUTINE NATURE, THE ONLY DISTINGUISHING FEATURES BEING THE PRESENTATION OF A NUMBER OF PEACE MEDALS TO A HALF DOZEN SYDNEY LEADERS ACTIVE IN THE ASSOCIATION AND WALDHEIM'S AFTER-DINNER REMARKS WHICH WERE A WELL BALANCED, CULTIVATED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, EMPHASIZING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS AN ORGANIZATION OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS WHO VOTE ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THEREBY DEFINING THE LIMITS WITHIN WHICH THE ORGANIZATION MUST WORK. HE MENTIONED EAST TIMOR ONLY IN PASSING ALONG WITH ANUMBER OF OTHER SITUATIONS IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS CAPACITY TO ACT IS LIMITED.

2. THERE WAS A SMALL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE WENTWORTH SPONSORED BY "THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR" AT WHICH WAS DISTRUBUTED "AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. KURT WALDHEIM" WHICH SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED
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WALDHEIM HIMSELF FROM ITS CHARGES AGAINST INDONESIA

FOR ITS INVASION AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR
BECOMING "A DIRECT ACCOMPLICE IN INDONESIAN
GENOCIDE". THE DEMONSTRATION WAS PEACEFUL AND WELL
CONTROLLED BY THE POLICE AND WAS STIMULATED BY THE SAME
GROUP WHICH HAVE ALWAYS SEIZED ON ANY AND EVERY CAUSE
AS AN EXCUSE TO DEMONSTRATE.
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